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SUBJECT: FLOODS IN AUSTRIA -CURRENT STATUS

REF: (A) VIENNA 5759; (B) VIENNA 5914

1. WITHIN LAST WEEK FLOODS HAVE BEEN RECEDING IN ALMOST ALL PROVINCES AFFECTED. RECENT RAINFALLS WERE MERELY LOCAL.

2. TRANSPORT SYSTEM LARGELY BACK TO NORMAL. ROAD AND DANUBE RIVER TRAFFIC REPORTEDLY FULLY RESUMED. SINCE JULY 9, SHIPS ARE AGAIN BEING DISPATCHED TO BLACK SEA PORTS OF RENI AND IZMAIL. RAILROAD SERVICE HAS BEEN RESUMED AT ALL POINTS BUT ONE.

3. ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES, DAMAGE TO CROPS AND PROPERTY WILL AMOUNT TO ABOUT 500 MILLION SCHILLINGS (APPROX. \$30 MILLION), WHICH SUM HAS ALREADY BEEN RELEASED BY THE FINANCE MINISTER FROM THE "CASTASTROPHE FUND" (SEE REF A). AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENT ON JULY 3 REQUESTED GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TOWARDS SPEEDY DISTRIBUTION OF THESE FUNDS TO FLOOD VICTIMS.

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4. VARIOUS PROVINCIAL AND LOCAL RELIEF PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN

INSTITUTED. A NUMBER OF BANKS ARE OFFERING CREDITS TO FLOOD  
VICTIMS AT ESPECIALLY FAVORABLE TERMS.

5. ACCORDING TO AUSTRIAN EXPERTS, TOURISM MAY NOT  
BE AS SERIOUSLY AFFECTED AS WAS FIRST FEARED.

6. FOR AGRICULTURAL SITUATION, SEE REF (B).BUCHANAN

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